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1. ADVISOR PIO ABARRO HAS COMPLETED HIS VISIT TO US. REFERENCE A SETTING FOURTH PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON IS BEING REPEATED TO POSTS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT. IN ADDITION SAODAP ARRANGED VISITS IN LOS ANGELES TO NARCOTIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, NEURO-PHYCHOLOGY CLINIC AT UCLA AND ASIAN-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM.

2. PIO ABARRO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR HIM. HE WAS IMPRESSED, HE SAID, WITH EXTENT OF PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES DEVOTED BY SEVERAL USG AGENCIE TO DRUG ABUSE CONTROL AND THE CONSEQUENT NECESSITY FOR COORDINATION OF A MULTIAGENCY EFFORT. THE OBTAINED NUMERIOUS PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER MATERIALS FROM THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, WHICH HE PLANS TO USE TO CREATE A DOCUMENTATION ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL AT THE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU. US AGENCIES ALSO AGREED, AS DID THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, TO PUT HIM ON MAILING LIST FOR FUTURE MATERIALS.

3. US OFFICIALS MEETING PIO ABARRO WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS IN FIELD OF DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. THE QUESTIONS HE ASKED WERE PENETRATING AND PERCEPTIVE. IN DISCUSSING HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT BASED ON VOLUME OF DRUG ADDICTION THE US MIGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSTITUTE HALF THE PROBLEM AND THE REMAINING COLOMBO PLAN COUNTRIES THE OTHER HALF. HE ALSO SAID HE RECOGNIZED HE MUST TRY TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THAT IN SOME RESPECTS THESE INTERESTS MIGHT BE CONFLICTING.

4. DEPARTMENT AND AID REPS STRESSED TO PIO ABARRO US BELIEF THAT REGIONAL MEMBERS CAN BENEFIT FROM REGIONAL

COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFO. THEY PARTICULARLY NOTED THAT CROP SUBSTITUTION EXPERIENCE IN ONE COUNTRY IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOULD PROBABLY BE TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER TWO COUNTRIES. SIMILARLY, METHODS OF SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF OPIUM ADDICTS WOULD LIKELY BE TRANSFERABLE FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER.

5. PIO ABARRO ASKED HOW REQUESTS HE MIGHT RECEIVE FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR US ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE HANDLED SINCE US DOES NOT GIVE BILATERAL AID UNDER COLOMBO PLAN UMBRELLA. HE WAS INFORMED REQUESTS FOR US AID FOR A REGIONAL PROJECT COULDBE MADE THROUGH THE US AID REPRESENTATIVE IN COLOMBO. A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROJECT, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD BE MADE TO THE US AID MISSION IN THE PARTICULAR COUNTRY. IF DIRECT US AID WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR SOME REASON, A GRANT FROM AID TO THE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU FOR THE PURPOSE WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY.

6. BECAUSE HIS APPOINTMENT WAS DELAYED, PIO ABARRO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES BEFORE THE 1973 COLOMBO PLAN MEETING IN WELLINGTON NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 6. CONSEQUENTLY, HE HAS DECIDED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BUREAU TO PRESENT TO THE WELLINGTON MEETING AN INTERIM REPORT ON SITUATIONS IN COUNTRIES VISITED AND AN INTERIM PROGRAM. (COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DOCUMENT C/73/48, AUGUST 7, 1973, ENTITLED PROPOSED INITIAL PROGRAM OF DRUG ADVISER HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL ADDRESSEES -- REF B.) HE INDICATED THAT HIS PROPOSED PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE INTER ALIA REGIONAL SEMINARS OR COLLOQUIA ON THE DRUG ABUSE SITUATION AND METHODS OF COPING WITH IT WITH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER EXCHANGES BETWEEN

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MEMBER COUNTRIES. DEPARTMENT AND AID REPRESENTATIVES REMINDED HIM DRUG ABUSE WILL BE SPECIAL ITEM ON AGENDA OF WELLINGTON MEETING AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HIS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE SO FORMULATED AND CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE SO AS TO STIMULATE AN INFORMED, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AT WELLINGTON BY COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES WHO COME PREPARED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

7. PIO ABARRO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE HE HAD MADE THE RIGHT DECISION FIRST TO VISIT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE US. HE INTENDS TO ATTEND COLOMBO PLAN COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 3 AND THEREAFTER TO VISIT COUNTRIES IN AND AROUND GOLDEN TRIANGLE BEFORE WELLINGTON MEETING. HE PLANS VISITS AT LATER DATE TO UK, CANADA, AS WELL AS OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.

8. DEPARTMENT AND AID OFFICIALS REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT
OF PIO ABARRO'S EFFORTS AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO
COMMUNICATE WITH USG THROUGH EMBASSY COLOMBO IF THERE
WERE ADDITIONAL WAYS IN WHICH HE BELIEVED WE MIGHT
BE OF ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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